Development of Tourism Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh

2540. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will e Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND OURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government °have identified me places of hill districts of Garhwal for urist spots during the period of 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the names of such districts ;

(c) whether it is a fact that all these tourist aces of hill districts of Uttar Pradesh will be eared for tourist place/spots during the year 94-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the asons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI ZAD): (a) and (b) Development of tourism frastructure and identification of areas of urism potential is primarily the responsibility f State Governments. However, the Union overnment in consultation with State Govrnment of Uttar Pradesh had prioritised the llowing projects for Central Assistance uring 1993-94 in the Hill Ditrict of Garhwal :

	Lakhs
(i) Tourist complex at Govind Ghat (Chamoli)	30.00
(ii) Tourist complex at Bhatwari (Uttar Kashi)	10.00
(iii) Skiing equipment for Auli	13.00
(iv) Trivani Ghat at Rishikesh	23.97
(v) River rafting at Shivpuri, Rishikesh	30.84

(c) and (d) From the above prioritised rojects in the Hill District of Garhwal, only ne incomplete proposal has been received rom the State Government of Uttar Pradesh or river-rafting at Shivpuri, Rishikesh. The tate Government has been requested for dditional information.

Theft at Janpath Hotel

2541. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in 'Hindu' on the 4th December, 1994 under the caption "Theft at Janpath Hotel" ;

(b) whether any internal enquiry has been conducted how this daylight open dacoity took place inside the hotel without connivance of hotel security staff ;

(c) whether the management has placed under suspension the Security Officer (Janpath Hotel) and Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters for their failure to keep security alert; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken to streamline the ITDC security and vigilance division at Janpath Hotel and Headquarters ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The reported theft case at Janpath Hotel is being investigated both by the local police and security department of ITDC. So far there is no indication of connivance of hotel security staff in this incident.

(c) No Sir, Necessary action would be taken if involvement of any employee is proved in the case.

(d) Security measures like strict checking of unauthorised elements and surprise inspection of security arrangements by senior officers from the headquarters etc. are being taken. Besides guests are being advised to use guest room lockers.

Activities of United ITDC Officers Welfare Association

2542. SHRI V. GOPAL SAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state : —

(a) whether it is a fact that section of ITDC officials with the patronage of Executive Director (V & S) has formed United ITDC Officers Welfare Association headed by Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters;

(b) whether it is a fact that ITDC management has issued a circular that vigilance and security officials are not permitted to head/participate in union/association activities, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that United ITDC Officers welfare Association in the past